

Applicant hereby petition under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Since Office Action Dated Aug. 4, 2003 is final, Applicants hereby Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the application according to 37 CFR 1.114 with proper submission and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), and respectfully request the finality of the application is removed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4, 9, 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicants also include herewith a Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

The following claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-3. (Previous Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising a main body and a filter attached to one end of the said main body, wherein the said main body comprises 50-100% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

7. (Currently Amended) A cigarette according to claim 6, wherein the main body comprises more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A cigar comprising burnable material, wherein the burnable material comprises 50-100% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

12. (Currently Amended) A cigar according to claim 11, wherein the burnable material comprises more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

13. (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15-16. (Previously Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for quitting smoking, comprising the step of smoking a cigarette comprising a main body and a filter attached to the said main body, wherein the main body comprises by weight 50-100% leaves of Ginkgo biloba.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein the said main body comprises more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

6. A cigarette [according to claim 4] comprising a main body and a filter attached to one end of the said main body, wherein the [burnable material] said main body comprises [100%] 50-100% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

7. A cigarette according to claim [4] 6, wherein the [burnable material] main body comprises [50-100%] more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

11. A cigar [according to claim 9] comprising burnable material, wherein the burnable material comprises [100%] 50-100% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

12. A cigar according to claim [9] 11, wherein the burnable material comprises [50-100%] more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.

17. A method [according to claim 14, wherein the burnable material comprises 100% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.] for quitting smoking, comprising the step of smoking a cigarette comprising a main body and a filter attached to the said main body, wherein the main body comprises by weight 50-100% leaves of Ginkgo biloba.

18. A method according to claim [14] 17, wherein the [burnable material] said main body comprises more than 90% by weight Ginkgo biloba leaves.